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Dear Professor Dunlop:

Thank you very much for calling my attention to the Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation competition. It would not appear to me that my thesis lies within the field of the prize. Although it could generously be construed as being "relevant to the practice of business or administration," inasmuch as it deals on an abstract level with criteria for decision-making under uncertainty, I have a feeling that it is somewhat further removed from application than the sponsors of this competition have in mind.

However, if you have further information on the sorts of work that meet their interests -- for instance, the names of some books that have won in the past -- I would be interested to see it. The letter that you enclosed from William Gornbley to you was not very informative, but it mentioned that an announcement and booklet concerning the competition had been sent to you. Unless it is evident to you, upon reflection, that my thesis is not really appropriate (which I suspect), perhaps you might send me additional information that might be available.

Thank you for remembering me.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ellsberg
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